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In re Patent Application of:  
Naohiro Shimada

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Art Unit: 2142

For: NODE CAPABLE OF SAVING A THIRD-LAYER OPERATION

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003 (Paper No. 12), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.